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Report from Habana—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Further relative to yellow fever cases in Habana and Santa Clara provinces—Sanitary conditions at Habana satisfactory.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stansfield reports, June 10:

Week ended June 8, 1907.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued	21
Vessels not inspected and bills of health issued	11
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected	855
Crew of outgoing vessels not inspected	424
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	807
Passengers of outgoing vessels not inspected	167
Immune certificates issued to passengers for Florida ports	48
Immune certificates issued to passengers for New Orleans	3
Vaccination certificates issued for Colon	16
Vessels fumigated prior to sailing	9

On June 6 one case of yellow fever was reported in Benefica Hospital, Habana. This case received infection at Ranchuelo, Santa Clara Province. The patient is a Spaniard and had been in Ranchuelo continuously for about four months before he was taken sick.

Two cases of yellow fever were reported in San Nicolas, on June 7. The history of these cases is not obtainable at the present writing. Sanitary measures are being carried on in all the infected places under the direction of the superior board of health.

The sanitary condition of Habana remains fairly good and no yellow fever has been reported in the city.

June 19. One case yellow fever confirmed San Nicolas June 18. Spaniard in Cuba seven months; taken sick June 12.

History of yellow fever at Union de Reyes, 1906 and 1907.

May 23 Doctor Stansfield was directed by the Bureau to report on yellow fever at Union de Reyes, Matanzas Province. The following is received from him under date of June 10:

The source of infection at Union de Reyes in 1906 is not known, but yellow fever was present in a number of neighboring towns. Immediately after the cases were reported in November, 1906, measures were taken by the board of health to stamp out the infection. A brigade of oilers and disinfectors was sent there for that purpose. No more cases appeared.

On May 15, 1907, a Spanish boy was taken sick and the case was diagnosed as yellow fever by the official contagious-disease board in Habana. The case was regarded as suspicious and precautionary measures were taken to combat a spread of the disease the day before the official diagnosis was made. Dr. Lopez del Valle, who has had large experience in fumigating and oiling and who has been in charge of that work in Habana, was sent to Union de Reyes, and to assist him a brigade of men trained to the work was sent from Matanzas and placed under his charge. The plan pursued was a general oiling of all breeding places for mosquitoes to prevent their propagation and the sulphurizing of all inclosed spaces which were suspected of harboring adult infected mosquitoes. The work is still being carried on there.